and St Jean de Lurg, *by* English men-of-wars, some being of Bristol, and the owners subjects of the King of France, the Council instructed the case to be refeired to arbitrament By the award the captors were condemned to restore the huli in such state as she was at the taking, together with 100,000 fish and the sum of £60 This ought to have been performed in December, yet notwithstanding the Council's earnest letters nothing is yet effected The Mayor and Council of Bristol are now required to see that the owner of the ship is satisfied, or in default the Council will be constrained to consent to letters of marque being granted to those of Bayonne and St Jean de Lurg against the City of Bristol, which will turn to no small prejudice of their adventures

2otb May MARLOWE BEFORE THE COUNCIL

This day Christopher Marlowe, who was sent for by the Council two days since, hath entered his appearance and is commanded to give his daily attendance until licensed the contrary

2ist May A PRIEST'S DECLARATION or HIS MOTIVES

William Harrington, a priest, that was taken, being charged with treason, and examined, hath set forth his reasons for coming to England m a letter to the Lord Keeper

He saith that he is a gentleman by birth, a Catholic, and a priest of the Seminary of Rheims He first left his country, desiring to imitate others of innocent lives and glorious deaths, especially Campion (the Jesuit that was executed in 1580), whom he believed guilty of no treason to the Queen nor the country He hath always abhorred treachery but is not amazed at being accused as a traitor, nor troubled at the popular outcry, * Hang

him, hang him * If his cause is good, he suffereth for Justice's sake, and that law is too severe that maketh his function treason , if his cause be bad, death itself is too merciful a punishment He is compelled by lus conscience to discharge his priestly office, but hath refrained from other practices, which he detests Having so determined, he would make his life of no account He hath never been made privy to any plot against the Queen or the country or he would have been forced by his oath of allegiance to give notice of it. Since he will not serve